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PATENT APPLICATION  
Docket No.: 302705.3004-100 17438

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Marvin L. Vestal

Application No.: 09/755,951 Filed Date: January 4, 2001

Confirmation No. 4499 Group: 1743 Examiner: Arlen Soderquist

For: Mass Spectrometer System and Method for Matrix-Assisted Laser Desorption Measurements

Date: March 8, 2004

Express Mail Label No.: ER 568537895 US

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 8, 2003, enclosed for filing are the following documents:

- ❖ Reply and Fee Transmittal,
- ❖ Reply and Amendment to Office Action,
- ❖ Petition for Extension of Time,
- ❖ Second Declaration of Robert S. Brown Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132,
- ❖ Curriculum Vitae of Robert S. Brown,
- ❖ Terminal Disclaimer,
- ❖ Copy of Certificate Under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b).

Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 50-1935. One duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Transmitted herewith is a Reply for filing in the above-identified application.

- [ ] Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a Small Entity Statement previously submitted.
- [ ] A Small Entity Statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

(COL. 1)		(COL. 2)		(COL. 3)		SMALL ENTITY	OR	OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDIT. FEE	RATE	ADDIT. FEE
TOTAL	20	MINUS	*24		X \$9	\$	X \$18	\$0
INDEP	5	MINUS	**7		X \$43	\$	X \$86	\$0
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM					+ \$145	\$	+ \$290	\$0
					TOTAL = \$ 0		TOTAL = \$ 0	

\* not fewer than 20

\*\* not fewer than 3

Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-1911 for the following fees:



<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Petition for Three month Extension of Time	\$ 950
<input type="checkbox"/>	Amendment Fee	\$ _____
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		\$ _____
		TOTAL: \$ <u>1060</u>

A check is enclosed in payment of the following fees:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Petition for [ ] month Extension of Time	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Amendment Fee	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other Fees: _____ _____	\$ _____ \$ _____
		TOTAL: \$ <u>0</u>

A general authorization is hereby granted to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1935 for any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 in order to maintain pendency of this application. A copy of this authorization is enclosed for accounting purposes.

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